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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the pending claims. Claims 40 and 46-50 were allowed; claims 23-26, 35-38 and 42-44 are amended; and claims 1-22, 27-34, 39, 41 and 45 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 23-26, 35-38, 40, 42-44 and 46-50 are currently pending.

Claims 23-26, 35-38 and 42-44 were objected to for depending on a rejected base claim. Applicant has rewritten claims 23, 35 and 42 to be in independent form including the base claim and all intervening claims. The remaining claims 24-26, 36-38 and 43-44 now depend from an allowable claim.

Applicant submits that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect that the pending claims are allowed is respectfully requested.

Should anything further be needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below. Any additional fees for the accompanying response are hereby petitioned for, and the Director is authorized to charge such fees as may be required to Deposit Account 07-0868.

Respectfully submitted,



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